

311A.140 Emergency medical technicians -- Administrative regulations -- Certification and recertification -- Paramedics to be certified as emergency medical technicians.

- (1) The board shall promulgate administrative regulations relating to emergency medical technicians. The administrative regulations may include the classification and certification of emergency medical technicians, instructors, instructor-trainers, and students and trainees; examinations; standards of training and experience; curricula standards; issuance or renewal of certificates; hearing of appeals; and other administrative regulations as may be necessary for the protection of public health and safety in the delivery of emergency medical services. No additional testing or examinations shall be required for recertification, except for proficiency testing of new skills or knowledge, or areas in which there is documented evidence of deterioration of skills.
- (2) Recertification programs shall be organized to include continuing education and in-service training approved by the board.
- (3) Beginning July 14, 2000, a new emergency medical technician shall, for initial certification, be certified using the requirements and testing established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other agent chosen by the board.
- (4) Beginning July 14, 2000, a certified emergency medical technician who seeks recertification shall obtain recertification under the requirements established and maintained by the board. These requirements shall contain a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of required topics and eight (8) hours of elective topics over a two (2) year recertification period. The board shall also recertify any emergency medical technician who chooses to obtain recertification under the requirements established by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other agent chosen by the board in lieu of the standards established by the board.
- (5) Except as provided in KRS 311A.060, the board shall not require any additional course work, in-service training, testing, or examinations of a person who chooses the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians or other agent chosen by the board for certification or recertification as an emergency medical technician.
- (6) Any person licensed by the board as a paramedic shall be certified as an emergency medical technician by the board. The certification shall be issued without fee, without additional training, in-service training, testing, or examination. The emergency medical technician certification shall be issued and expire at the same time that the paramedic license is issued or expires, and if a paramedic voluntarily gives up his or her license prior to the expiration of his or her paramedic license, his or her emergency medical technician certification shall be unaffected thereby. If a paramedic chooses not to be relicensed as a paramedic but chooses to retain his emergency medical technician certification, the paramedic shall, prior to the expiration of his paramedic license, complete the requirements for recertification as an emergency medical technician utilizing one (1) of the methods provided for in this section.

- (7) A paramedic whose license as a paramedic or certification as an emergency medical technician is suspended, revoked, or denied by the board shall have the same action taken automatically with regard to his emergency medical technician certification or paramedic license.

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